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SUBJECT: MISCELLANY FOR WEEK OF JULY 13

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT URGENT, BUT I THINK THEY WILL INTEREST THOSE WHO WORK ON ANGOLAN AFFAIRS.

2. ON JULY 12 UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI RELEASED A NUMBER OF PRISONERS FROM THE JAIL IN MOCAMEDES. HE WAS JUSTIFIED IN DOING SO, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD UNILATERALLY RELEASED THEIR FOLLOWERS FROM PRISON. THE ACTION DREW A STRONG REBUKE ON JULY 18 FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE (MPLA) WHO EMPHASIZED, AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE, THE DETERIORATION OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND APPEALED TO ALL TO ACT WITHIN THE LAW. HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER ARTICLE 105 OF THE NEW FUNDAMENTAL LAW ONLY THE FUTURE PRESIDENT OF ANGOLA IS UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHORIZED TO DO WHAT SAVIMBI DID. ON JULY 19 UNITA REPLIED

TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE WITH A SCATHING COMMUNIQUE WHICH PRACTICALLY ACCUSED HIM AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF BEING LACKEYS OF THE COLONIAL SYSTEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE IS ONE OF THE MORE SENSIBLE, CAPABLE PEOPLE AROUND HERE.

3. IN AN INTERVIEW HE GAVE ON JULY 18 MPLA MINISTER OF FINANCE SAYDI MINGAS SAID THAT THE TERM CIVIL WAR DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CONFLICT IN ANGOLA. IT IS, RATHER, A FOREIGN INVASION PLOTTED BY IMPERIALIST INTERESTS. MINGAS, A MEMBER OF THE MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ADDED THAT THE AIM OF THE IMPERIALISTS IS TO TAKE POWER IN ANGOLA AND THAT THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE COUNTRY IS BUT THE FIRST STEP TO CONQUERING THE ENTIRE NATION. THE EXISTENCE OF EVEN ONE PROGRESSIVE ELEMENT WOULD MEAN THEY COULD NOT DOMINATE ANGOLA. HE SAID THAT THE PRESENT ARMED CLASHES ARE BUT THE EXPRESSION OF THE POLICIES OF THE MONOPOLIES, WHOSE ENDS ARE SEVERED BY THE FNLA. ECONOMIC CHAOS IS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE IMPERIALISTS' POLICY, WHICH IS MANIFESTED IN THE SHORTAGE OF COMPANIES THAT OPERATE IN ANGOLA AND THE FINANCIAL BLOCKADE DECREED BY THE TANKS. THE CRISIS MANIFESTS ITSELF PRINCIPALLY IN UNEMPLOYMENT, WHICH STANDS AT 80,000 PERSONS IN LUANDA A CITY WITH AN ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION OF 350,000 PERSONS. THE SITUATION IS MADE WORSE BY FICTITIOUS CLOSING OF MINING COMPANIES AND THE CONSEQUENT LAY OFF OF WORKERS. THE PANORAMA IS NO MORE CHEERFUL IN AGRICULTURE, A SECTOR IN WHICH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN SALARIES LED MANY FIRMS TO DECLARE THEMSELVES INSOLVENT. THIS LED THE GOVERNMENT TO CEASE COLLECTING TAXES FROM THESE FIRMS AND GIVE THEM ADVANTAGEOUS CREDITS IN ORDER TO AVOID A SHORTAGE OF FOOD. THE DRAMATIC SITUATION IN RURAL AREAS HAS INDUCED PEASANTS TO COME TO LUANDA, WHICH HAS WORSENED THE HOUSING SITUATION IN THE CITY. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS TO INCREASE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, A SECTOR IN WHICH UNEMPLOYMENT STANDS AT FIFTY PER CENT. PROJECTS EXIST TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND PUT AN END TO THE CRISIS, BUT NOTHING CAN BE DONE AS LONG AS THE INSECURITY FAVORED BY IMPERIALISM CONTINUES.

3. MPLA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 14 IN WHICH IT SAID THE JORNAL DE ANGOLA (FORMERLY PROVINCIA DO ANGOLA) SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CIRCULATE. MPLA ACCUSED THE "FASCIST" PAPER OF REFUSING TO PUBLISH THE FACTS ABOUT FNLA TORTURES AND MASSACRES. THE PAPER DID NOT PUBLISH PHOTOGRAPHS

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OF THE "THE HEARTS, LUNGS AND OTHER ORGANS FOUND IN THE REFRIGERATORS IN FNLA BASES...(OR) THE BOTTLES OF HUMAN BLOOD FOUND IN THE FNLA KITCHENS...(OR) THE COMMON GRAVES FILLED WITH BODIES...(OR) THE DOZENS OF HOWITZER SHELLS THAT INDISCRIMINATELY KILLED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGOLANS WHO LIVED IN THE GHETTOS."

4. ON JULY 17 THE GENERAL STAFF OF FAPLA (THE MILITARY ARM OF MPLA) DIRECTED ALL COMMANDERS, POLITICAL COMMISSARS AND TROOPS

TO COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE IN HELPING MAINTAIN ORDER AND PREVENT LOOTING, ROBBERY AND ATTACKS ON PERSONS, THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE, IF NECESSARY. ALL FAPLA ELEMENTS WERE ORDERED TO HELP THE PEOPLES' NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES ORGANIZE VIGILANTES AND RESTORE NORMALCY. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS A FOLLOWUP TO ONE ISSUED BY MPLA ASKING THE POPULATION OF LUANDA TO RETURN TO WORK AND CALLING ON MPLA ELEMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESTORATION OF NORMALCY.

5. ONE CAUSE OF THE BREAD SHORTAGE DURING THE FIGHTING WAS LACK OF YEAST. THE COMPANY THAT PRODUCES MOST OF ANGOLA'S YEAST PROMISED TO BE ABLE BY JULY 18 TO ONCE AGAIN SUPPLY THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. LINES OF BLACKS AT BAKERIES ON JULY 19 WERE STILL SEVERAL BLOCKS LONG. EGGS WERE IN SHORT SUPPLY, BUT FISH WAS PLentiful. PRICES OF SOME VEGETABLES IN SHORT SUPPLY ROSE DRAMATICALLY. SOME MARKET WOMEN FORCED CUSTOMERS TO BUY SLOW MOVING PRODUCE BEFORE THEY WOULD SELL ITEMS IN DEMAND. RESTAURANTS HAVE REOPENED AND MANY HAVE A FAIR SELECTION. OTELS ARE SERVING FOOD TO REGISTERED GUESTS ONLY. THE CONSULATE SUPPLIED C-RATIONS TO OFFICIAL VISITORS DURING THE CRISIS.

6. GOVERNMENT SERVICES ARE IN A GREATER SHAMBLES THAN EVER. PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LEVEL JOBS ARE FILLED LARGELY BY WHITES. WHEN THEY FLEE TO PORTUGAL MANY DO NOT RESIGN, BUT TAKE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR SICK LEAVE AND THEIR JOBS MAY NOT BE FILLED BECAUSE THERE IS TECHNICALLY NO OPENING. ONCE THEY GET TO PORTUGAL THEY EXTEND THEIR STAY BY ARRANGING MEDICAL CERTIFICATES TESTIFYING TO SOME ILLNESS OR INCAPACITY. THE EFFECT OVER TIME HAS BEEN TO REDUCE THE STAFFS OF SOME AGENCIES BY AS MUCH AS FIFTY PERCENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME MANY BLACKS WHO FILL THE UNSKILLED AND SEMI-SKILLED POSITIONS WILL NOT COME TO WORK UNLESS DRIVEN TO AND FROM THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. DRIVERS TILL REFUSED AT THE END OF THE WEEK TO GO INTO THE GHETTOS AND ABSENTEEISM WAS VERY HIGH IN THE RANKS  
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